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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Tony Mahmoudi

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Thomas L. Evans (Attorney of Record).

(3) Tony Mahmoudi.

(2) Dov Popovici.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 16 June 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 2.

Identification of prior art discussed: Beck et al (U.S. 6,167,395) and Phillips et al (U.S. 6,072,994).

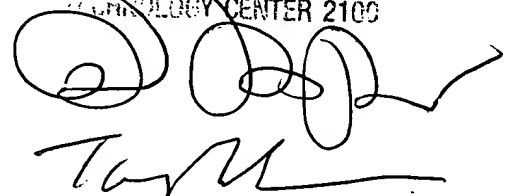
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Attorney of Record presented his arguments that, in his view, the cited references did not teach all the claim limitations of the present invention.

In particular, the attorney stated that the teaching of Phillips's "hardware plug-in" (Phillips, column 14, lines 56-67, and column 32, line 65 through column 33, line 2) was different from the applicant's teaching of a "software plug-in". The examiner stated that the claims did not specify that the "plug-in" was a software type, and in addition, Phillips taught the "plug-in" interfacing with "applications".

Also, discussions were made over the term "floating pallet". The attorney stated that the term "floating pallet" in the applicant's invention was different from the "pop-up editing window" cited by the examiner (Beck et al, column 34, lines 32-34). The attorney stated that the "floating pallet" in the applicant's invention presented a "window" that would continuously "float" (be displayed) on the computer until "manually closed". The examiner noted that the term "floating pallet" was not explained in the applicant's specification.

The attorney will present his arguments along with any amendments to the claims in response to the examiner's previous Office Action.